

REMARKS

I. PENDING CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-13 will be pending in this application.

Claims 1-11 and 13 have been allowed.

Claim 12 has been further amended to clarify that the unloading forces lift the cover away from the wall, effectively opening the interior volume of the chamber, which allow the user access to the interior of the device (e.g., to change or replace any media disposed therein). Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 3, line 18 to page 4, line 2.

No new matter has been added.

II. ANTICIPATION REJECTION

In paragraph 2 of the Office action, the Examiner has rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Messinger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,617,117). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner apparently takes the position that the static force exerted against the cap by the ledge constitute a “forcing” of the cap away from the wall during unloading. While Applicants disagree with the Examiner’s interpretation, to expedite prosecution and to further clarify what is intended by the claims, Applicants have amended claim 12 to replace the “forcing” language with the term “lifting,” indicating that the cover is actually moved away from the wall during unloading by contact with

the ledge. Applicants respectfully submit that Messinger et al. does not disclose a structure that can perform this function, for the reasons set forth in the previous response. Accordingly, claim 12 is allowable along with claims 1-11 and 13, and an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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